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SPRINGFIELD ATTEMPT TO LOCATE GIRL FRIEND [REDACTED]

POSSIBLY A STUDENT AT SIU, IN ATTEMPT TO LOCATE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MAY BE USING RED VOLKSWAGEN OWNED BY [REDACTED]

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Date: 5/13/70

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Via AIRTEL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (98-1317) (RUC)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS; *Reserve Officers TRAINING COR*
 Fire Bombing of
 Army ROTC Building,
 Kent State University (KSU),
 Kent, Ohio
 5/2/70
 SABOTAGE
 (OO: CLEVELAND)

Re Cleveland teletype to Bureau dated 5/1/70,
 and Pittsburgh teletype to Bureau dated 5/8/70.

Enclosed for the Cleveland Office are 9 copies each
 of 4 FD-302's furnished by [redacted] and his
 sister, [redacted]

Information set out in the enclosed FD-302's was
 synopsised in referenced Pittsburgh teletype dated 5/8/70,
 and, therefore, no copies are being furnished the Bureau.

2 - Bureau (RM) - 100-904
 2 - Cleveland (Encls. 36) (RM)
 1 - Pittsburgh

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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TELETYPE

FBI WASH DC

FBI CLEVELAND

9:07 PM URGENT 5-8-70 SLO

TO DIRECTOR

FROM CLEVELAND (98-2140)

UNSUBS: FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING KENT STATE UNIV. (KSU),
KENT, OHIO MAY TWO, SEVENTY. SABOTAGE. OO: CLEVELAND.

SUMMARY. CLEVELAND CONTINUING TO IDENTIFY AND INTERVIEW WITNESSES
IN CONNECTION WITH INSTANT MATTER. IDENTITIES OF UNSUBS STILL
UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME.

INTERVIEW WITH KSU PD OFFICER INDICATED IT WAS TOO DARK FOR ATTEMPT
TO IDENTIFY UNSUBS AT THE TIME OF FIRE. ATTEMPTS WERE MADE TO LOCATE
AND INTERVIEW SIX KSU STUDENTS ARRESTED BY KENT PD AT ALLEGED
"COMMUNICATION CENTER", TWO THREE SEVEN ONE HALF N. WATER, ST. W. KENT, OHIO.
ONE OF ARRESTEES, [REDACTED] WAS LOCATED. HOWEVER, SHE REFUSED
TO BE INTERVIEWED. EFFORTS CONTINUING TO LOCATE OTHER ARRESTEES.
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May 18, 1970

BY LIAISON

Honorable John D. Ehrlichman
Assistant to the President
for Domestic Affairs
The White House
Washington, D. C.

1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
1 - Mr. A. Rosen
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan
1 - Mr. G. H. Meuzel
1 - Mail Room (5531 JB)

Dear Mr. Ehrlichman:

An investigation is being conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning the burning of a Reserve Officers' Training Corps Building at Kent State University on May 2, 1970.

There is enclosed for your information a copy of the initial report prepared in this matter.

A copy of this report is being furnished to the Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosure

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98-4647

CHM:rad

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See memorandum C. D. Brennan to Mr. W. C. Sullivan dated 5/15/70, captioned as above, prepared by CHM:rad.

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1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Office, 7133

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: **FBI, Cleveland (98-2140)**

Date: **5/14/70**

Re: **Reserve Officers Training Corps
UNSUBS; Firebombing of Army
ROTC Building, Kent State
University (KSU), Kent, Ohio
5/2/70
SABOTAGE**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No.
Lab. No. **PC-C6429 ME**

Examination requested by: **Cleveland**
Reference: **Letter 5/11/70**
Examination requested: **Chemical Analyses**

Remarks:

This report supplements and completes the information furnished the Cleveland Office by teletype dated May 13, 1970.

Specimens Q1 through Q12 are being returned to the Cleveland Office under separate cover by registered mail.

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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REPORT
of the1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Office,FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Cleveland

Date: 5/14/70

Re: UNSUBS; Firebombing of Army
ROTC Building, Kent State
University (KSU), Kent, Ohio
5/2/70
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PC-C6429

Specimens received

5/12/70

- Q1 Gray jacket (Item #1)
- Q2 Denim trousers (Item #2)
- Q3 Pair of gloves (Item #3)
- Q4 Shirt (Item #4)
- Q5 Headband (Item #5)
- Q6 Purple trousers (Item #6)
- Q7 Tan coat (Item #7)
- Q8 Two make-shift peace armbands (Item #8)
- Q9 Six balloons (Item #9)
- Q10 Elmers contact cement (Item #9)
- Q11 Duco cement (Item #9)
- Q12 Improvised cardboard pipe (Item #9)

Results of examination:

No traces of smoke particles, flammable liquid or other oxidizing chemicals were found on specimens Q1 through Q8.

No hairs or other evidence was found on specimen Q9, Q10 or Q11 to indicate they had been used for sniffing purposes.

Although chemical tests suggested that marijuana had been smoked in the Q12 pipe, it was not possible to identify marijuana specifically in the absence of any material having other characteristics of that plant.

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EXPEDIT
Deadline 5/14

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: UNSUBS; Firebombing of Army
ROTC Building, Kent State
University (KSU), Kent, Ohio
5/2/70
SABOTAGE

File #
Lab. # PC-C6429 MK MK

Examination requested by: FBI, Cleveland (98-2140)

let. 5/11

Examination requested:

Date received: 5/12/70 ra

Result of Examination:

Chem Anal (gen chem - nar) -
Mic Anal (hairs)

Examination by: AARON

CHARK

*no findings or other chemicals
Q1 → Q9
No hair in glue on Q9, 10, or 11
Q12 gives duquenois but no plant material
in confirmation of marijuana*

Specimens submitted for examination

Q1	Gray jacket (Item #1)
Q2	Denim trousers (Item #2)
Q3	Pair of gloves (Item #3)
Q4	Shirt (Item #4)
Q5	Headband (Item #5)
Q6	Purple trousers (Item #6)
Q7	Tan coat (Item #7)
Q8	Two make-shift peace armbands (Item #8)
Q9	Six balloons (Item #9)
Q10	Elmers contact cement (Item #9)
Q11	Duco cement (Item #9)
Q12	XXXXXXXXX Improvised cardboard pipe (Item #9)

Done

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5/12/70

PC-C6429

Received from FBI Cleveland via
air mail registered NO. 470092
a cardboard box wrapped in brown paper
(~ 24 x 18 x 12") PM Cleveland, Ohio
5/11/70. Box sealed in masking tape
all contents sealed in individual
containers

- Q 1) 1st: large hooded grey jacket 'mfg by
M Robin & sons the
" 2 pair of blue denim pants 'Rancher
" 3 gloves (PL)
" 4 (per L) "sears"
" 5 white cloth W mitts clasp
" 6 light leather (PL) - no brand
" 7 (PL) size 36 (can't size) open type
" 8 four bags of linen PEXCE, en art
Q 11 9 6 balloons, 2nd, 1 blue, 1 yellow, white, etc.
Q 12 1 1/4 fl. of G. full Dept. of Ins. cement tube
Q 13 1 fl. 3 Elmer's contact cement tube
Q 14 cigar size cardboard tube (half
Charal type) marking red

PC-C6429 MK 12

5/12/70

Specimens Q₁ through Q₈ were all found to be dry and odorless. No chemicals solid or liquid were seen on any specimen. Specimen Q₁ had mud splashed on few spots of leg. All other specimens are clean or normal soles. Clean papers on ridge down. No evidence of charring anywhere.

The Q₉ balloons are dry and odorless. No hairs or other foreign substance such as glue residue found on them. (The only material on them other than the rubber is the material used to turn down the necks.)

Q₁₁ Elmer's cement labeled as containing formaline

Q₁₂ Dupont Duro Cement labeled containing acetone and butyl acetate

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The Q12 improved pipe was examined under 30X. No evidence of modern plant material.

Wash tube & tenfold to get other evaporate & run modified duquenois - positive but weak and all of sample used.

no further exams -> possible margin had been smoked but didn't prove

DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

5/11/70

SAC, CLEVELAND (98-2140)

UNSUBS; Firebombing of Army
ROTC Building, Kent State
University (KSU), Kent, Ohio
5/2/70
SABOTAGE

PC-C 6429

OO: Cleveland

Transmitted to the FBI Laboratory under separate cover, are the following items which were seized in the search of 203 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio under the authorization of a search warrant, issued May 10, 1970, by United States Commissioner CLIFFORD E. BRUCE, Cleveland, Ohio, which search warrant was executed May 10, 1970, by searching the residence at 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio, for clothing, incendiary material or any other material that could be used for destructive purposes by explosion, thermal or incendiary destruction:

- Q1 (Item #1) 3/4 length gray winter jacket (parka), with fur-lined hood and orange lining.
- Q2 (Item #2) One pair blue denim jeans trousers
- Q3 (Item #3) One pair tan suede gloves.
- Q4 (Item #4) One blue, men's shirt (cotton).
- Q5 (Item #5) One hippie type headband.
- Q6 (Item #6) One pair purple levis trousers
- Q7 (Item #7) One tan corduroy coat in plastic dry-cleaners bag.
- Q8 (Item #8) Two make-shift peace armbands, made from dungarees.

3 - Bureau
1 - Package (RM)
3 - Cleveland

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Q (Item #9) Items found in first floor bedroom:

- Q 9 " 6 rubber balloons.
- Q 10 " 1 tube Elmers Contact Cement
- Q 11 " 1 tube Ducco cement
- Q 12 " 1 cardboard tube, partially covered with aluminum foil, with burned hole in one end (make-shift marijuana pipe?)

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The FBI Laboratory is requested to examine the items of clothing, numbered Item #1 thru Item #8, for any traces of residue or smoke particles or incendiary chemical residue which might indicate the wearer of this clothing had started fires through the use of gasoline soaked rags, railroad flares or any other type of device of a flammable or combustible nature.

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It is requested that the FBI Laboratory examine the items submitted under Item #9, that is the six rubber balloons, the two tubes of cement with the intention of determining if these balloons and cement were used by individuals to sniff glue for narcotic effect. For example, examine the tubes to determine if any facial hairs or nasal hairs are present on the cap or the tubes.

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It is also requested that the cardboard tube which is probably a make-shift pipe, be examined to determine whether or not this pipe was used to smoke marijuana, hashish or any other type of narcotic which could be utilized by smoking.

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XXXXXFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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FBI

Date: 5/10/70

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Via

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (98-2140)

RE: UNSUBS; FIRE BOMBING
OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING,
KENT STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU)
KENT, OHIO
5/2/70
SABOTAGE

RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING
CORPS

ROUTING UNIT
ERROR LETTER SENT

In connection with this investigation, the CV Office is attempting to identify and locate witnesses. However, classes at KSU have been discontinued for the remainder of the Spring school term, and students have left the campus.

In view of this, the CV Office is setting out numerous leads to offices by teletype and telephone. In order to facilitate setting out leads, the following info is being made available:

At about 8:00 PM on evening of 5/2/70, the Army ROTC Building at KSU was destroyed by fire during a campus disruption. A crowd of approximately 600 individuals was gathered adjacent to the ROTC Building during the incident.

Preliminary inquiries indicate that about 50 to 75 of these individuals were actively engaged in throwing rocks and debris at the building, breaking many of the windows. Some of these individuals also started the fire.

Campus PD officers, who witnessed the burning were unable to identify the UNSUBS due to darkness and the fact that demonstrators were throwing rocks at them.

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Special Agent in Charge

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One witness has advised he observed an unidentified white male place a rag in a gas tank of a nearby motorcycle and carry the rag to the building where it was ignited.

The Kent Fire Department attempted to extinguish the fire. However, demonstrators interfered with their efforts by throwing rocks at them and cutting their hoses.

Prior to the burning demonstrations occurred in downtown Kent, Ohio, on 5/1/70.

On the evening of 5/3/70, bands of demonstrators roamed the KSU campus during the night.

During the afternoon of 5/4/70, four KSU students were killed when Ohio National Guard (ONG) troops attempted to disperse a crowd of demonstrators.

In addition to the substantive violations of the sabotage sections, the Department of Justice advised they wanted investigation conducted to establish a conspiracy to destroy the ROTC Building at KSU and requested that the following points be considered:

1. The names of participants setting fire to the ROTC Building.
2. The names of persons organizing, instigating or inciting damages to this ROTC Building.
3. Obtain post-act or pre-act statements made by leaders including speeches urging abolition of the ROTC at KSU.
4. Attempt to obtain any leaflets or any other printed material authored or distributed by such persons urging the abolition of ROTC.
5. Determine if SDS or New Left Leadership caused the burning of the ROTC Building or if this was an act of local groups or an individual initiative without the advice or outside or national influence.

All offices are requested to refer to the above in connection with any leads set forth by the CV Office.

Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 5/8/70

In connection with the burning of the ROTC Building at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio 5/2/70, Jerris Leonard, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, has requested investigation be conducted as to a possible violation of Title 18, Section 245, U.S. Code (Civil Rights-Federally Protected Activity). Attached letter itemizes specific information requested by Leonard.

This investigation, also encompassing possible violations of sabotage, sedition, and destruction of Government property was initiated on the basis of a letter 5/4/70 from Assistant Attorney General J. Walter Yeagley, Internal Security Division.

Leonard will be advised that this investigation is being conducted and that the results will be promptly furnished to him when received. Cleveland is also being advised of specific requests made by Leonard.

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and Yeagley

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Conrad

1-Mr. Conrad

1-Mr. Jevons

1-Office, 7133

DATE: 5/13/70

1-Mr. Aaron

FROM : L. H. Jevons

SUBJECT: UNSUBS; Firebombing of Army
ROTC Building, Kent State
University (KSU), Kent, Ohio
5/2/70
SABOTAGE

This case involves the firebombing of the Army ROTC Building at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, on 5/2/70. On 5/12/70, the Cleveland Office submitted evidence consisting of clothing, balloons, cement and a hashish pipe.

The following results of examination were obtained in response to specific requests by the Cleveland Office. The clothing was examined for incendiary chemicals, but none were found. No evidence was found on the balloons and cement to indicate whether they had been used for sniffling purposes. No marijuana was found in the pipe; however, chemical tests did suggest that marijuana may have been smoked in it.

The Cleveland Office is being advised of the above information by teletype this date.

ACTION:

For information.

1-Mr. Mohr

1-Mr. DeLoach

1-Mr. Rosen

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FBI

Date: 5-5-70

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AIRTEL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI ATTN.: ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (98-2140 and 44-703)

UNSUBS.; FIRE BOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING
KENT STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU), KENT, OHIO 3-2
SABOTAGE

OO: CV

UNSUBS., OHIO NATIONAL GUARD;
ALLISON KRAUSE, JEFFREY MILLER, WILLIAM SCHROEDER
SANDY LEE SCHEUER - DECEASED - VICTIMS - ET AL
KENT STATE UNIVERSITY, KENT, OHIO - 5-4-70
CR

Permission was requested and received from Assistant Director N. P. CALLAHAN that four clerical employees be temporarily assigned to the Akron Resident Agency to assist in the investigation of the captioned violations. The captioned violations are being handled as a special in this division.

Three stenographers will handle the dictation, and one clerical employee will assist in handling the paper. It is estimated these employees will remain in the Akron Resident Agency until about 5/12/70. In the event it is felt advisable to have them come back to headquarters, this will be done immediately.

Mr. CALLAHAN made it crystal clear that the clerical employees would not be allowed to set up or work on the Kent State University campus, and their activities would be limited to the Akron Resident Agency.

Bureau will be advised when the clerical employees return to headquarters city.

1-Bureau
2-Cleveland
C.C.D.G.

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Approved: _____

Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____

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Per _____

1 - Mr. A. A. Schutz, Jr.
1 - Mr. C. L. McGowan, Jr.
6/19/70
1 - Mr. G. H. Monzel

Airtel

To: SAC, Cleveland (98-2140)

From: Director, FBI

RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS

UNSUBS; Firebombing of Army ROTC Building,
Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio,
May 21, 1970

SABOTAGE; SEDITION; CIVIL RIGHTS - FEDERALLY
PROTECTED ACTIVITY; DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT
PROPERTY

Rerep of SA [REDACTED] dated 5/14/70 at
Cleveland.

In view of the intense interest and concern with
regard to this matter, Cleveland should promptly advise the Bureau
as to the date its next report will be submitted and the extent
of investigation which is outstanding in this matter.

Your intensive investigation of this matter should be
continued to identify the subjects responsible for this
incident and to complete outstanding investigation necessary as
soon as is possible.

GHM:mbs
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NOTE:

The initial report dated 5/14/70 from Cleveland
concerning the firebombing of the KSU ROTC building has been
received and disseminated. Inasmuch as it is of intense interest
and concern, Cleveland being requested to advise when its next
report will be submitted and the extent of investigation outstanding.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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NR008 AT PLAIN

10:02 PM NITEL 5-14-70 TEK

TO DIRECTOR

CLEVELAND (98-2140)

FROM ATLANTA (98-586) P

Rec'd Officers Training Corps
UNSUBS: FIRE BOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING, KENT STATE UNIVERSITY
(KSU), KENT, OHIO, MAY TWO SEVENTY, SABOTAGE, OO: CLEVELAND.

RE SAN FRANCISCO TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, CLEVELAND, AND ATLANTA,
MAY THIRTEEN SEVENTY.

ATLANTA DOES NOT POSSESS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING IDENTI
OF RYM OR RYM II MEMBERS AT KSU OTHER THAN INFORMATION CONTAINED IN
CLEVELAND REPORT OF SA [REDACTED] DATED MARCH THIRTEEN SEVENTY.
CLEVELAND FILE ONE ZERO ZERO DASH TWO SEVEN ZERO THREE ONE.

NO FURTHER ACTION BEING TAKEN BY ATLANTA REGARDING THIS LEAD.

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REV FBI WASH DC FOR 008 CLR

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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FBI NEWARK

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8-45PM URGENT 5-9-70 RGH

TO DIRECTOR (ATTN. DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION) AND

CLEVELAND (98-2140)

FROM NEWARK (98-2043) (RUC)

UNSUBS; FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING, KENT STATE UNIVERSITY
(KSU), KENT, OHIO, FIVE EIGHT SEVENTY. SABOTAGE. OO: CV.

RE CV TELETYPE THIS DATE.

[REDACTED] INTERVIEWED THIS DATE AT RESIDENCE.

[REDACTED], UNION, NJ.

[REDACTED] ADMITTED TO BEING ACTIVE DISSENTOR OF ROTC PRESENCE
ON KSU CAMPUS BUT DENIED HAVING WITNESSED CAPTIONED MATTER OR
ANY PERSONAL COMPLICITY IN IT. HE COULD FURNISH NO IDENTITIES
OF PERSONS POSSIBLY INVOLVED IN THE BURNING OF ROTC BUILDING.

[REDACTED] ADDED HE DID NOT OBSERVE SHOOTING OF FOUR STUDENTS
AT COMMONS, KSU, INASMUCH AS HE WAS IN SOCIOLOGY BUILDING AT
TIME SHOOTINGS OCCURRED. [REDACTED] SOLE KNOWLEDGE OF SHOOTINGS
WAS DERIVED FROM REPORTS OF NEWS MEDIA AND OTHER STUDENTS
PRESENT AT THE RALLY.

[REDACTED] CLAIMED HE WAS ARRESTED BY KENT, OHIO, PD ON
NIGHT OF FIVE FOUR SEVENTY FOR VIOLATION OF CURFEW. HE ASSERTED

END PAGE ONE

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Mr. D. J. [REDACTED]
Mr. Walters
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
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Mr. Trotter
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HE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY CONSPIRACY INVOLVING STUDENTS OR
OUTSIDERS WHICH LED TO VIOLENCE AT KSU. HE INTENDS RETURNING
TO KENT, OHIO, MONDAY, FIVE ELEVEN SEVENTY.

HANDWRITTEN STATEMENT OBTAINED. CLEVELAND APPRISED
TELEPHONICALLY THIS DATE OF NK INVESTIGATION.

END

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FBI WASH DC*

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE 5/19/70

FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH (98-1317) (RUC)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS;
Fire Bombing of
Army ROTC Building,
Kent State University (KSU),
Kent, Ohio,
5/2/70
SABOTAGE
(OO: CLEVELAND)

Re Cleveland airtel to Bureau dated 5/7/70, Pittsburgh teletypes to Bureau dated 5/8 and 5/11/70, and Pittsburgh airtel to Bureau dated 5/13/70.

Enclosed for the Cleveland Office are nine copies of an FD-302 which was furnished by [REDACTED], a third-year student, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio.

On 5/18/70, [REDACTED] Pittsburgh, Pa., appeared at the Pittsburgh Office and advised that he was not present at the demonstration on 5/2/70, that resulted in the bombing of the ROTC Building on the campus of Kent University, Kent, Ohio. He stated that he left the campus area about 6:00 PM and was in his room from about that time until after the fire bombing of the building.

[REDACTED] continued that on 5/4/70, when the National Guard allegedly fired at students on the campus, he was in his room. He heard the radio news at 1:00 PM announcing the shootings. [REDACTED] immediately left his room and proceeded to the campus, arriving at about 1:10 PM.

On campus [REDACTED] noted that there were bullet holes on opposite sides of a tree and that there was a bullet hole

- ② - Bureau 1cc 900
3 - Cleveland (98-2140) (Enc. - SEC 101)
1 - Pittsburgh

EPH/jk

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in a statute on the side opposite the National Guard which indicated to him that at least two shots had been fired at the National Guard.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : C. D. Brennan

1 - Mr. C. C. DeLoach
1 - Mr. A. Rosen
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: May 15, 1970

1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan
1 - Mr. G. H. Menzel

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;

Fire Bombing of Army ROTC Building
Kent State University (KSU)
Kent, Ohio, May 2, 1970SABOTAGE; SEDITION; CIVIL RIGHTS -
FEDERALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITY;
DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

The purpose of this memorandum is to advise that the initial report from Cleveland is attached concerning the cap investigation which has developed [redacted] and [redacted] as suspects.

Sabotage investigation instituted on 5/4/70 and then after enlarged to include other possible Federal violations request of Assistant Attorneys General, Internal Security Division and Civil Rights Division.

Violent disturbances by students erupted at Kent, on 5/1/70. This developed into an anti-ROTC demonstration on 5/2/70 during which demonstration the ROTC Building was destroyed set on fire by participants. The Building was destroyed amounting to a \$50,000 loss plus the loss of \$35,000 in Government property. Demonstrators interfered with police and fire department attempting to restore order and put out the fire. Interviews of ROTC officials, students, local police, firemen, news media representatives covering the incident and other persons have been conducted. Several witnesses observed unidentified persons apparently ignited the fire. One witness identified photograph of person unknown to him by name who threw ignited gasoline-soaked rag into ROTC Building. Subsequent investigation discloses individual is identical with [redacted] a student who reportedly attempted suicide in the past and has been afforded psychiatric treatment. [redacted] KSU Student, identified as suspect by Kent Police Department based on descriptive data obtained from witnesses. Associates of [redacted] who reside off campus at Kent, Ohio, may have knowledge as to who is responsible for the fire.

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RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;

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Kent, Ohio, May 2, 1970

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter to the Attorney General with copies for Assistant Attorneys General, Internal Security Division, Civil Rights Division and Criminal Division, and a letter to John D. Ehrlichman at the White House be approved enclosing for each a copy of the above report.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC CLEVELAND (98-2140)

Reserve Officers Training Corps
UNSUBS; FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING, KENT STATE
UNIVERSITY, KENT, O., MAY TWN SEVENTY. SABOTAGE; SEDITION;
DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY; CRA OF SIXTYEIGHT- INTER-
FERENCE WITH FEDERALLY PROTECTED FACILITY.

SUMMARY TELETYPE

REREP MAY FOURTEEN LAST AT CLEVELAND.

[REDACTED] ROTC STAFF, KENT STATE UNIVERSITY
(KSU), ADVISED THAT ON MAY TWO LAST PRIOR TO BURNING OF ROTC BUILD-
ING, SMALL GROUP OF UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUALS HECKLED ROTC CADETS AS
THEY RETURNED FROM TRAINING EXERCISE. [REDACTED] ALSO ADVISED WILLIAM K.
SCHROEDER, KSU STUDENT WHO WAS SHOT TO DEATH DURING CONFRONTATION WITH
OHIO NATIONAL GUARD (ONG) ON MAY FOUR LAST, WAS ALSO AN ROTC CADET.
HE SAID SCHROEDER PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED DOUBTS

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Mr. Trotter
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ABOUT PLACE OF ROTC ON CAMPUS AND CONSIDERED FLEEING TO CANADA TO
BREAK HIS CONTRACT WITH ROTC.

[REDACTED] ROTC, IDENTIFIED
FACULTY MEMBERS OPPOSED TO ROTC ON CAMPUS AND INDICATED FOLLOWING ORGAN-
IZATIONS PROTESTED IN PAST AGAINST ROTC: YOUNG SOCIALIST ALLIANCE, BLACK
UNITED STUDENTS, AND STUDENT MOBILIZATION COMMITTEE.

[REDACTED] KSU STUDENT, MAINTAINED SHE OVERHEARD UNIDEN-
TIFIED PERSONS ON CAMPUS ON MAY ONE LAST DISCUSSING POSSIBLE PLANS
TO BURN ROTC BUILDING.

PETER CHARLES BLIEK, KSU STUDENT, ATTENDED RALLY ON CAMPUS
PRIOR TO BURNING AND STATED UNIDENTIFIED LEADERS AT RALLY URGED
STUDENTS TO "GET ROTC BUILDING."

[REDACTED] KSU STUDENT,
NOTED THIRTY TO FORTY INDIVIDUALS WEARING RED HEADBANDS IN CROWD AT
FIRE.

[REDACTED] KSU STUDENT, CLAIMED UNIDENTIFIED W/M WEARING
RED AND WHITE STRIPED BELLBOTTOM PANTS WAS ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN SETTING
ROTC FIRE.

[REDACTED] KSU
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STUDENT, ORALLY ADMITTED TO FBI AGENTS THAT HE THREW ROCKS AT ROTC BUILDING.

[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] BOTH KSU FACULTY MEMBERS WERE OF OPINION [REDACTED] ALSO MEMBER KSU FACULTY, WAS INVOLVED IN BURNING THE BUILDING. WHEN INTERVIEWED [REDACTED] STATED HIS ONLY PARTICIPATION AT THE BURNING WAS THAT OF FACULTY DEPUTY. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] KSU, INDICATED HE OBSERVED FIVE TO TEN PERSONS IN CROWD AT FIRE ATTEMPTING TO KEEP MOB STIRRED UP AND THAT THESE INDIVIDUALS DID NOT APPEAR TO BE KSU STUDENTS.

[REDACTED] ADVISED HE RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE INDICATING STUDENTS [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH BURNING ROTC BUILDING.

RESIDENCE OF [REDACTED] TWO THIRTY E. MAIN ST., KENT, OHIO WAS SEARCHED BY FBI AGENTS ON MAY TEN LAST, SUBSEQUENT TO ISSUANCE OF SEARCH WARRANT AUTHORIZED BY USDJ.

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CLOTHING AND MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS SEIZED AND SUBMITTED FBI LAB FOR EXAMINATION. NO TRACES OF SMOKE PARTICLES, FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS OR OXIDIZING CHEMICALS FOUND ON CLOTHING.

[REDACTED] WAS INTERVIEWED AND DENIED INVOLVEMENT IN THROWING ROCKS AT ROTC BUILDING OR SETTING IT ON FIRE. HE ACKNOWLEDGE AFFILIATION WITH SDS AND PARTICIPATION IN VARIOUS ANTI-WAR DEMONSTRATIONS IN THE PAST. HE ALSO INDICATED HE WAS FRIEND OF JEFFREY MILLER, KSU STUDENT SHOT TO DEATH IN CONFRONTATION WITH ONG ON KSU CAMPUS, MAY FOUR LAST. OTHER OCCUPANTS ABOVE ADDRESS ALSO INTERVIEWED AND DENIED INVOLVEMENT IN ROTC FIRE.

ATTEMPTS WERE MADE TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW [REDACTED] PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED IN PHOTO BY EYEWITNESS AS ONE WHO STARTED ROTC FIRE. [REDACTED] FATHER INDICATED [REDACTED] LEFT AREA ABOUT MAY ELEVEN LAST AND INDICATED HE WAS GOING TO CALIFORNIA. HE ALSO INDICATED [REDACTED] FRIEND, [REDACTED] HAD GONE TO NEW YORK ON MAY ELEVEN LAST. [REDACTED] FATHER FURTHER ADVISED [REDACTED] HAS SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

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TENDENCIES AND HAS ATTEMPTED SUICIDE ON ONE OCCASION. HE ALSO ADVISED [REDACTED], ASSOCIATE OF [REDACTED] IS MENTALLY ILL AND REQUIRES MEDICATION ON CONTINUOUS BASIS.

DOUGLAS CORMACK ORALLY ADMITTED TO FBI AGENTS THAT HE HINDERED FIREMEN WHO WERE ATTEMPTING TO PUT OUT ROTC FIRE AND THREW ROCKS AT ONE [REDACTED] STUDENT, REFUSED TO DISCUSS HIS

ACTIVITIES ON MAY TWO LAST AND STATED HE DESIRED TO CONSULT AN ATTORNEY.

VARIOUS FACULTY MEMBERS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED WITH "KENT FREE UNIVERSITY," "TWENTYTHREE CONCERNED FACULTY" AND "NEW UNIVERSITY CONFERENCE," GROUPS ON KSU CAMPUS WHICH HAVE BEEN CHARACTERIZED BY UNIVERSITY SOURCES AS FOMENTING DISSENT AND DISRUPTING UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY. PROMINENTLY MENTIONED AMONG GROUP WAS ASSOCIATE PROF. THOMAS S. LOUGH, KSU SOCIOLOGY DEPT. FORMER STUDENT OF LOUGH, [REDACTED], ADVISED LOUGH HAS DISTRIBUTED LITERATURE TO STUDENTS CONTAINING INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO ASSEMBLE "MOLOTOV COCKTAIL."

LOUGH REFUSED TO BE INTERVIEWED ADVISING HE WAS NOT AVAILABLE.
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